

OLD AGE PENSIONS (IRELAND).

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 23 January 1913;—for

RETURN "as to OLD AGE PENSIONS in IRELAND, showing for each FINANCIAL YEAR since the passing of THE OLD AGE PENSIONS ACT, 1908:—

- (1) Number of claims received;
- (2) (a) Number of Pensions granted (approximately); and (b) Number of Pensions in force on the 31st day of March, giving rates of pension and, for the last two financial years, distribution by counties;
- (3) Number of claims rejected (approximately);
- (4) Number of Pensions revoked on question raised by officer;
- (5) Combined number of claims refused and Pensions revoked, giving grounds under heads of age, means, poor relief, obviously invalid, and other causes;
- (6) Number of appeals, showing whether by claimant, pensioner, or pension officer;
- (7) Number of claims allowed and rejected on appeal;
- (8) Number of Pensions confirmed and revoked on appeal on questions raised;
- (9) Combined number of claims refused and Pensions revoked on appeal under the same heads as (5); and
- (10) Number of Pensions lapsed through death."

Treasury Chambers,
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(*Mr. Lardner.*)

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RETURN.

(1) NUMBER OF CLAIMS RECEIVED:—

Financial Year ended 31st March.	Claims Received.
1909 (6 months from 1st October 1908)	261,068
1910 -	37,876
1911 -	66,584
1912 -	40,653

(2)—(a) NUMBER OF PENSIONS GRANTED (approximately); and (b) NUMBER OF PENSIONS IN FORCE on the 31st day of March, in each FINANCIAL YEAR since the passing of the OLD AGE PENSIONS ACT, 1908, giving rates of pension and, for the last two financial years, distribution by counties:—

Financial Year ended 31st March.	Appropriation Number of Pensions granted.	Number of Pensions in Force at each Rate on the 31st March:—					
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Total.
1909 -	188,411	172,966	3,674	3,827	2,007	1,096	188,500
1910 -	23,531	170,529	3,696	3,866	1,968	855	180,274
1911 -	41,244	190,852	3,768	4,381	1,992	790	201,783
1912 -	25,473	196,857	3,231	3,703	1,472	554	205,317

§ The figures represent the number of pensions actually payable on each rate on the last Friday in March in each financial year.

(2)—(b) PENSIONS IN FORCE in each ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY and COUNTY BOROUGH at the end of each of the two Financial Years 1910–1911 and 1911–12.

Administrative County or County Borough	Persons resident within the Area on the 31st March §	
	1911.	1912.
	Number.	Number.
<i>Administrative County:—</i>		
Antrim -	8,057	8,147
Armagh -	6,070	6,102
Carlow -	1,795	1,850
Cavan -	5,893	5,987
Clare -	6,368	6,504
Cork -	15,305	15,446
Donegal -	11,427	11,512
Down -	8,377	8,307
Dublin -	8,308	8,307
Fermanagh -	8,855	8,850
Galway -	11,290	11,417
Kerry -	9,047	9,064
Kildare -	2,255	2,314
Kilkenny -	3,271	3,303
King's County	2,046	2,051
Laois -	4,665	4,510
Limerick -	5,487	5,497
Londonderry -	5,729	5,774
Longford -	2,729	2,778
Louth -	2,908	2,952
Mayo -	12,926	13,394
Meath -	3,128	3,252
Monaghan -	4,287	4,247
Queen's County -	2,817	2,871

§ The figures are for the last Friday in March in each financial year.

Administrative County or County Borough,	Pensions resident within the Area on the 31st March.	
	1911.	1912.
	Number.	Number.
<i>Administrative County—cont.</i>		
Roscommon - - - -	6,478	6,592
Sligo - - - -	5,477	5,479
Tipperary - - - -	6,617	6,771
Tyrone - - - -	8,379	8,384
Waterford - - - -	3,034	3,105
Westmeath - - - -	2,586	2,586
Wexford - - - -	3,791	4,095
Wicklow - - - -	2,420	2,447
<i>County Borough—</i>		
Belfast - - - -	7,890	8,018
Cork - - - -	2,350	2,495
Dublin - - - -	6,301	6,632
Limerick - - - -	1,097	1,154
Londonderry - - - -	1,147	1,149
Waterford - - - -	680	721
IRELAND—Totals	201,783	205,317

* The figures are for the last Friday in March in each financial year.

(3) NUMBER OF CLAIMS REJECTED (APPROXIMATELY).

Financial Year ended 31st March.	Number of Claims.		Total Number of Claims rejected and Claims Obviously Invalid.
	Rejected * (approximately)	Obviously Invalid †	
1909 (six months from 1st October 1908) - - - -	38,565	3,080	42,545
1910 - - - -	24,838	3,485	28,323
1911 - - - -	15,382	4,191	19,573
1912 - - - -	16,183	2,887	19,070

* The figures show the approximate number of claims refused by Committees and by the Local Government Board (Ireland) on appeal. The number of claimants is less, several claims having been made in many cases by the same individual.

† These are included as "obviously invalid," a number of claims voluntarily withdrawn, and claims which lapsed owing to death of claimants.

(4) NUMBER OF PENSIONS REVOKED ON QUESTIONS RAISED BY OFFICERS.

Financial Year ended 31st March.	Number of Pensions Revoked.
1909 - - - -	1,279
1910 - - - -	10,446
1911 - - - -	3,197
1912 - - - -	2,241

(5) COMBINED NUMBER OF CLAIMS REFUSED AND PENSIONS REVOKED, GIVING GROUNDS UNDER HEADS OF AGE, MEANS, POOR RELIEF, OBVIOUSLY INVALID, AND OTHER CAUSES.†

Financial Year ended 31st March.	Number of Claims refused and Pensions Revoked.					Total Number of Claims re- jected, Claims Obviously Invalid and Pensions Revoked.	
	Nature of Disqualification.						
	Age.	Means.	Poor Relief	Obviously Invalid.	Other Causes.		
1909 - - - -	20,586	8,303	7,362	3,080	2,483	43,824	
1910 - - - -	26,576	5,276	2,202	3,485	1,145	38,784	
1911 - - - -	11,149	3,203	2,974	4,191	1,258	22,770	
1912 - - - -	12,246	4,004	1,395	2,887	779	21,811	

† See footnotes to Table (3) as to "claims refused," and claims "obviously invalid."

(6) NUMBER OF APPEALS, SHOWING WHETHER BY CLAIMANT, PENSIONER, OR PENSION OFFICER.

Appellant.	Year ended 31st March 1909	Year ended 31st March 1910	Year ended 31st March 1911	Year ended 31st March 1912
Claimants -	3,112	2,345	1,210	1,003
Pensioners -	180	1,425	169	128
Pension Officers -	8,416	10,781	10,388	9,829
Total	13,708	20,556	11,852	10,460

(7) NUMBER OF CLAIMS allowed and rejected on appeal.

—	Year ended 31st March 1909	Year ended 31st March 1910	Year ended 31st March 1911	Year ended 31st March 1912
Claims allowed* -	1,885	1,562	2,154	1,920
Claims rejected† -	10,350	8,023	6,409	6,738
Total	12,235	9,615	8,563	8,258

* Includes claims allowed at less than £1. a week.

† See footnote to Table 3 as to claims rejected.

(8) NUMBER OF PENSIONS confirmed and revoked on appeal on questions raised.

—	Year ended 31st March 1909	Year ended 31st March 1910	Year ended 31st March 1911	Year ended 31st March 1912
Confirmed‡ -	151	1,563	624	693
Revoked§ -	561	6,834	1,429	986
Total	712	8,397	2,053	1,681

‡ Does not include pensions increased.

§ Includes pensions reduced.

(9) COMBINED NUMBER OF CLAIMS refused and PENSIONS revoked|| on appeal ; under the same Heads as Table (5).

—	Year ended 31st March 1909	Year ended 31st March 1910	Year ended 31st March 1911	Year ended 31st March 1912
Age -	4,809	11,034	3,159	4,471
Means -	3,077	3,162	2,157	2,661
Poor Relief -	1,791	544	365	400
Obviously Invalid and other Cases -	384	117	157	111
Total¶ -	10,911	14,837	7,836	7,738

¶ Includes pensions reduced.

|| Does not include claims withdrawn or lapsed through death, or cases in which Appeals were not entertained on account of not having been lodged within the prescribed period, &c.

(10) NUMBER OF PENSIONS lapsed through Death.

Financial Year ended 31st March.	Number of Deaths.
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1909 (three months)	-	-	-	3,632
1910	-	-	-	15,611
1911	-	-	-	17,238
1912	-	-	-	19,696